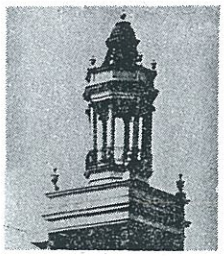

Bulletin

SHIMER COLLEGE

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Shimer's First Four-Year Graduates Received Degrees Seventeen Years Ago

Seventeen years ago, in June 1952, the first Bachelor of Arts degree ever to be conferred by Shimer College were awarded to five graduates. These five, who comprised the first class to graduate from the school after it became a four-year co-educational institution, were George E. Beauchamp, Jr., George W. Cossman, George W. Gray, Margaret Hoag and Russell W. Scott.

George Beauchamp, Jr., Greenbelt, Md., is an Operations Officer in the Office of the Disaster Relief Coordinator, Agency for International Development (AID). This part of foreign aid provides shelter, food and medicine for disaster victims throughout the world, such as in Nigeria/Biafra, and Iran after its devastating earthquake. From 1965-67 he was Assistant Regional Refugee Officer, II Corps, in Vietnam, and from 1963-65 served in Nigeria as an Administrative Officer with USAID. After Shimer, George attended the U. of Chicago, George Washington U. and the U. S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is married to Virginia M. Walcott, former instructor at the U. of Chicago and assistant professor at the U. of Maryland. She was a founding member and first vice-president of the school board of the American School, Lagos, Nigeria in 1953-55. The Beauchamps' children are Edith JoBerta 13, George 11, and John 10.

George W. Cossman is an associate professor of science education at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City. A member of Kappa Delta Pi, honorary fraternity, he holds a B. A. degree in physics and a Master of Education degree in educational psychology from the U. of Illinois, and a Ph.D. in physical science and science education from the U. of Iowa. Mr. Cossman is single.

George W. Gray is research meterologist, performing operational, clerical, analytic, photographic or any other work necessary to laboratory models of largescale weather phenomena, in the Hydrodynamics laboratory of the department of geophysical sciences at the U. of Chicago. George received a B. S. degree in 1955 from the U. of Chicago where he won major "C" awards for baseball in 1953, '54 and '56. He was co-captain of the team in 1956. Married to the former Barbara Whitley, he and his wife have three children, Laurence 10, Lydia 7 and Lesley 5.

Margaret Hoag studied drama for a year at Western Reserve University in Cleveland following graduation from Shimer, and later studied acting in New York City and Los Angeles. Using the professional name of Mitzi Hoag, she is an actress in the theater, television and films. She recently starred in a play, "Joe Egg" with Noel Harrison, and has a recurring role in the TV series, "Here Come the Brides." Divorced, Mitzi and her five-year-old daughter, Abbie, live in Los Angeles.

Russell W. Scott is a production engineer in engineering and research at UARCO, Inc., manufacturer of business forms, Barrington. Earlier he was employed as a project engineer and project manager by U. S. Gypsum Company. Russell attended Iowa State and the U. of Illinois and in January 1961 received a B. S. degree in mechanical engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He and his wife, the former Donna J. Franzen of Barrington, have three children, Russell 10, Randall 8, and Penny 5.

Orange Horse is Revived

The Orange Horse, popular coffeehouse operated on the first floor of the Karyn Kupcinet Playhouse, has probably provided more fun and good spirits this year than any other institution at Shimer. Run entirely by the students themselves, the Orange Horse, when it opens on Tuesday nights, always draws a large crowd, with people filling even the staircase as the evening continues.

The Orange Horse was started this year by the Pioneer Council, an old organization formed eight years ago and brought back to life this fall. A social organization of about twenty-five students, with Michael Coleman as chairman, the Council helps the college and community wherever it is needed. The group was completely without capital, but thought the Orange Horse was a good idea, started planning, and opened it for the first time on Parents' Weekend.

There have been coffeehouses before the present one—the original Orange Horse, the Golden Shovel, and the Shyer—but they were run for profit and charged admission fees. The new one is operated solely on donations, and Pioneer Council makes no profit. However, they usually manage to collect enough by passing the hat to cover the cost of the evening.

A different project director from the Council is chosen to plan each Orange Horse program. Various persons are responsible for entertainment, refreshments, publicity, and other particular areas.

The program usually begins at 8:00, and lasts as long as there is an audience. There are little tables with red and white checkered cloths and candles, and tea, coffee, and cookies are served. Much of the food is donated by faculty and staff members. The general atmosphere is one of informality and congeniality.

Occasionally outside performers have been brought in, but almost all the entertainment is provided by Shimer students. Says Mike Coleman, "There is an amazing amount of talent on campus—it fascinates me." There has been everything from classical piano and poetry reading

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to comedy, folk guitar, and magic acts. Musical talent seems to predominate, with many of the students playing and singing songs they have written themselves. The comedy team of Marc Bernstein and Mark Ziburis had the audience laughing uproariously this fall when Bernstein, as an eccentric Jewish rabbi, offered impromptu answers to questions from the audience. Probably the highlight of the year was the appearance of the jug band, a group of students who did their own arrangements of old American folk songs, and with guitar, violin, washtub, mouth-organ, washboard, and of course, the jug, did really spirited renditions of old, colorful, just plain fun songs.

Pioneer Council is happy to report that, after a very successful first year, The Orange Horse will be open again next fall.

Shimer Trees

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almost twist themselves into knots, and the European larch, which, unlike most evergreens, sheds all its needles at once. The white pines between Metcalf and Hostetter were the first trees planted by Dr. Mullin when he came to Shimer fifteen years ago. One of the older white pines, near Sawyer House was at one time the home of some great horned owls.

It is impossible to mention all the trees of interest. There are walnuts and butternuts, and a little pecan tree which was donated by the Community Club. Behind Bennet is a maple given to the college by Ray Margileth, who was a night watchman for forty years. Some trees serve practical purposes—for example, the pin oak that hides a telephone pole, and strategically placed flowering crabs that protect the grass from too many feet. Between Dearborn and Bennet are the apple trees which Mrs. Shimer planted. And of course there is the grape arbor, very popular with the students, and the first thing to attract the Mullin children when they came to Shimer.

Dr. Mullin's favorite tree, and probably the favorite of many people, is the big American elm in front of Hostetter. It is remarkable because of its size and its spreading branches; most elms are smaller and shaped like a tall vase, but this one covers a huge area. Unfortunately, trees aren't immortal, but we hope it will be here for many years. There is always the danger of Dutch elm disease. So, with Dr. Mullin, we can only cross our fingers and say an extra prayer for Shimer's favorite tree.

CLASS NOTES

'99 ROSE GLASS of Des Moines, "about this time of year, when maples are tasseling out and leaves unfolding and fruit trees are all abloom, I become nostalgic for the springtimes I knew at Shimer in the springtime of my teenage. Now I am 88 and will be 89 in Wash. writes, "About this time Mabel Glass Kingsbury, flew back with me from New York last July 31 to become a resident of Wesley Gardens Retirement Home here. After eight happy months together again, as we were at Shimer in 1898-99, she had a stroke and slipped away five days later, April 7, after along and happy life of 86 years. Her daughter, Virginia, with whom she had lived following the death of her husband, was here to comfort her."

'32 EMILY TURNBAUGH, a kindergarten teacher in Springfield for over 25 years, continues her work with Girl Scouts, is superintendent of the Elliott Ave. Baptist Sunday Church School, a member of the children's committee for the Great Rivers Region of American Baptists, and supervises student teachers for several Illinois universities.

'38 EDITH HOLDEN WHITLEY of Ft. Washington, Pa. writes that she received a BS degree in retailing from Michigan State University after leaving Shimer. She has three daughters, all in college, one in Texas, one in Michigan and one in New York.

'40 FRANCES HOEPNER KERNS of Rockford brought her daughter, Patricia and two of Pat's friends to visit the campus April 24. Frances has three daughters and one son. Son Michael received his master's degree in business administration from Marquette University last spring and is a management consultant at Milwaukee. Daughter Jeanette is a student at Wisconsin State University, LaCrosse, majoring in recreation; Pat and Connie are students at Guilford high school in Rockford; and Theresa is in 5th grade. Frances has been active in Girl Scout work, having served on the public relations council in Rockford for several years.

'57 JAY S. GOLDENBERG, BA, works for the Internal Revenue Service as an attorney in Estate and Gift Tax. He considers this one of the most intellectually challenging fields of law. His main regret is that he can no longer participate actively in politics, because of his work.

'60 LEE BEAUPRE, BA, formerly a staff writer and film reviewer for Variety, the show business trade paper, has been signed by Hawthorne Books to write a book on film appreciation, to be published next spring. Lee is an account executive with John Springer Associates, a New York public relations firm. One of Shimer's early entrants, Lee attended Columbia on a Woodrow Wilson fellowship after graduation from Shimer.

'63 OLIVER EASTERWOOD, BA, will graduate in June from the University of Maryland Law School. He will take the Maryland Bar exam in July. In mid-July he will be employed by the General Accounting Office in Washington, D. C. He and his wife (LYNN GUSTAVSON, BA '65) will move to Arlington, Va. this summer. Lynn has taught second grade in Maryland the past four years and next year will be employed by the Fairfax County Board of Education, Fairfax, Va.

'64 NANCY ROTECKI will finish in July her two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone, West Africa where she has taught in a secondary school for girls such subjects as biology, arithmetic, literature, health science and physical education. After traveling in Europe for a few months this summer, meeting her family for about two weeks, she will return to this country at the end of September. She expects to enter the Teacher Corps or work in a big city school this fall, and plans to get a Master's degree in education.

REENTERED AS SECOND-CLASS MATTER AT MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS MARCH 1, 1969

Constitution Ratified

Members of the Shimer student body, faculty and administration voted Tuesday, May 20, on a new Constitution and also elected representatives who will serve under it next year. The Constitution was ratified by a vote of 193 to 19. Before taking effect, the Constitution must by approved by the College Board of Trustees.

Under the new Constitution, legislative functions are vested in the Assembly of the Community, comprised of the student body, faculty, and administration. Between such Assemblies, legislative functions are delegated to the Shimer College Steering Committee, an executive body composed of representatives from the Community-at-large, from residence halls, and from off-campus.

A number of standing committees will be created to solicit and evaluate student demands, proposals, and opinions, and make them known to the revelant organizations of the community.

New Fellowship Program Available

MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS—A new graduate fellowship program at Oxford University, England, has been made available to Shimer College graduates through the auspices of the Association of Episcopal Colleges.

Graduates of Shimer can now compete each year with the graduates of the other member colleges of the Association for three fully-paid fellowships at Keble College, Oxford. Candidates will be nominated by the participating colleges with the selection being made by the Fellows and tutors at Keble.

This program has no direct connection with Shimer's year abroad program at St. Clare's, Oxford, for undergraduates. The latter program is open to all undergraduate students at Shimer for whom it is academically appropriate.

The colleges with which Shimer students will have to compete for the graduate program are: Kenyon, Hobart, Bard, The University of The South (Sewanee), St. Paul's, St. Augustine's, and Voorhees in the U. S., and Cuttington and Trinity of the Philippines abroad.

Those who are selected for the graduate program will be able, if they have the opportunity of remaining at Oxford for two or four years, to qualify for the B. A., M. A. Oxon degrees or a doctorate.

Shimer's Wide Variety of Trees Adds Part of the Magic to Campus

One of the most delightful parts of the Shimer campus is its amazing variety of trees. One could spend years getting to know them all, for each one has its own special fascination. Visitors are immediately impressed by them, and probably more than one student has had experience with parents who would have liked to take pictures of every tree on the campus. Anyone who loves nature will develop a special feeling for the trees before long; it takes only a little bit of living with them - a few leisurely walks, eyes open and anxious to catch the myriad details of form and color, or an evening spent sitting on the ground near the library and letting yourself be distracted from studying long enough to watch the sunlight filter through the yellow maple leaves and enjoy the consciousness of being surrounded by those huge, silent, living things.

Shimer president emeritus, Dr. F. J. Mullin, who is a biologist, is familiar with all the trees and loves every one of them. There are fifty-five to sixty different species, some planted by Dr. Mullin himself. Frances Shimer planted the first ones, and over the years some have been replaced and others added. Some of the trees are too close together, some too near buildings, but the effect is a natural one, much more beautiful than that of trees placed symmetrically or in straight rows.

Besides the familiar maple and oak, there are many more unusual varieties, such as the ginko, a primitive tree low on the evolutionary scale, and one of the first trees to develop. It is peculiar in the fact that most of its leaves are shed within forty-eight hours each fall.

There are several Chinese elms planted along the road behind Howe Hall; they are tall, spreading trees. There is also a Chinese elm growing near the sidewalk that goes past Bennet, but hardly anyone would know that it is the same species; it's only about eight feet high and looks more like a bush than a tree. This elm, planted at the same time as the others, has been continuously pruned. It has remained very compact, and the leaves, though shaped identically, are much smaller than those on the trees which were allowed to grow normally.

There is a lovely, majestic fir by the Science Building, which, from a distance, can be seen to lean noticeably. It nearly blew down in a storm, but was propped up again. A metal cable was attached to the fir and to the stump of Norway pine next to it that had been completely destroyed, and the fir stayed up, reestablished its roots, and is now quite healthy.

Other trees, too, have barely managed to survive the rigor of life at Shimer. Behind Hostetter, along the main entrance to the campus, is a huge redbud, a tree that is fascinating because of the almost weird twisting of its old branches. At one time the tree was in danger of splitting in the center, but a metal bar was inserted to hold it together. Next to the redbud is a calaba basswood. Dr. Mullin recalls hearing from the house the terrible crack when it was struck by lightning in a storm some years ago. Though it seems ancient now, and the branches and bark are damaged, it will probably live many years yet.

Dr. Mullin has had to fight hard to save some of Shimer's trees. He objected strongly when many of those along the highway were to be removed. And there is one very special tree between Metcalf and Sawyer House. It's a red pine, with all of its lower branches that rises that rises straight up with all of its lower branches removed; the scraggly limbs at the top jut out in every direction in complete disorder. Though it defies all the laws of aesthetic beauty; in its own strange way, it's beautiful. Many times it nearly died, and Dr. Mullin was urged to have it removed, but he loved the tree, and kept delaying. Finally, everyone was sure that it was dead and he was forced to make arrangements to have it taken out. "But that tree heard me," he says, "and it revived. By the time they got here to take it out, it was alive again, and it's been living ever since."

It was necessary to build Dezendorf twelve feet farther to the right than had been planned in order to save three American chestnuts growing there. The same "spreading chestnut" under which Longfellow's famous blacksmith stood, these trees are perhaps the most unusual on the campus, because officially the species is extinct. They were killed by a blight around the start of the century, and only a few trees, isolated from the rest, are left. Attempts to grow more have failed. The thick, prickly burrs cover the ground all around; the nuts, which are edible, are taken by the squirrels.

We have many types of evergreens. Some of the most interesting are the hemlock, with its tiny, half-inch long cones, the Scotch pine, recognizable by its rough orange bark and branches that

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Seven Graduates Enter Ministry

At least seven alumni who attended Shimer since the school became a four-year, co-educational, degree-granting institution in 1952, have gone on to enter the ministry. Several others are now studying in divinity schools, and a number of current Shimer students have indicated they plan to do so after graduation.

REXFORD STYZENS, BA '54, a graduate of the University of Chicago Divinity School, is pastor of the Unitarian Church in Davenport, Iowa, where he has been since 1964. He and his wife, the former SYBIL LANE, BA '55, have a five-year-old daughter, Jennifer.

JOSEPH PANCZUK, '55, was ordained a Catholic priest at St. Josaphat's Monastery, Glen Cove, Long Island, N. Y. Sept. 8, 1963. He celebrated his first mass a week later in St. Nicholas Ukranian Catholic Church, Chicago. He now serves as director of a national Catholic laymen's retreat house on Long Island.

JOHN N. GREGG, BA '55, became minister of Marlboro Presbyterian Church in Chicago in 1957. In 1966 he was the organizing pastor of a new United Presbyterian church in Marietta, George, a suburb of Atlanta. He also serves as chairman of the Church Education committee of the Presbytery of Georgia.

R. LEE PAGE, BA '55, became priest of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sacramento, California in November, 1966 after a year as priest-in-charge of St. Stephen's Church, Whittier California. Rev. Page is Episcopal chaplain at Sacramento State College and is involved in the ministry of the Ecumenical Institute.

DAVID L. HYNDMAN, BA '61 attended Seabury-Western Episcopal Seminary in Evanston after graduating from Shimer. He was ordained to the diaconate in South Bend, Indiana May 30, 1964 and then served as curate at Christ Episcopal Church, Gary, Indiana. He is now at Wauwasee Episcopal Center, Syracuse, Indiana.

RICHARD S. DEITCH, BA '64, was ordained in the Cathedral of St. James, Chicago June 15, 1968 by the Rt. Rev. James Winchester Montgomery, Bishop Coadjutor of Chicago. Rev. Deitch studied at Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, Nashotah, Wisconsin after graduation from Shimer, and is now located at a parish in Elgin.

CRAIG B. JOHNSON, BA '65, graduated in June, 1968 from Nashotah House and is serving as rector of a Park Ridge parish.

DANIEL E. HUNTWORK, BA '54, completed three years of class work at Andover-Newton Theological School in 1967. He has been named Program Associate by the Board of the University Baptist Foundation at Champaign.

PETER M. MOSCINSKE, '64, is a first-year seminarian at Nashotah House.

JOHN N. PERKINS, BA '65, is attending the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Mass.

JOHN F. BACKE, BA '69, is a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Chicago.

James Miller Named Candidate

Shimer alumnus, JAMES MILLER, BA '65, a Chicago elementary school teacher, was nominated in February by the North Park Study Center of Chicago Youth Centers as a candidate for Volunteer of the Year. Co-sponsors of the award—the city's highest tribute to a volunteer service worker—are the Chicago State Street Council and the Volunteer Bureau of the Welfare Council.

Clarence T. Gregg, senior vice president, Marshall Field and Co. and chairman of the State Street Council, in announcing this year's 23rd annual award program, said, "There are almost 200,000 service volunteers in this area, working in hospitals, institutions, schools and service organizations. They work without pay, often after a full day's work at a paid job. These are the selfless people who give brotherly love and consideration to others out of true dedication to their fellow men. The Volunteer Award program is just one small way all of us can honor these fine people."

The citation nominating Miller read: "Still in his 20's, elementary school teacher James Miller is already a veteran volunteer tutor at the North Park Study Center, a branch of Chicago Youth Centers. As a tutor, he uses his teaching skill imaginatively. He incorporates experiments and a variety of audio-visual aids in helping the youngsters. He is both a friend and a teacher. To the agency he has provided exceptional volunteer leadership in assisting with the reorganization of the study program. For his dedication, imagination and leadership qualities, the North Park Study Center sees in Mr. Miller an outstanding example of today's young volunteer."

President Akers Awarded Degree

MOUNT CARROLL, ILLINOIS—Milburn P. Akers, President of Shimer College, received a Doctor of Humane Letters Degree, Honoris Causa, from Lewis College, Lockport, Illinois, at the 1969 Honors convocation held May 13. He also delivered the principal address.

Brother Paul French, F. S. C., President of Lewis College, who invited Akers to accept the honorary degree, wrote "The contribution you have made to higher education as a newspaperman, businessman, and as a leader for the Federation of Independent Colleges and Universities of Illinois has demonstrated to all the people your commitment to the development of our human resources."

Akers received his bachelor of arts degree from McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, where he now serves as board chairman. He has been a trustee of MacMurray College, Jacksonville, for 27 years and was recently named a trustee of St. Xavier College, Chicago. A former member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, he has served as executive director of the Federation of Independent Illinois Colleges and Universities since 1965. He has shown great concern for preserving small private colleges in this country.

Akers was associated with the old Chicago Sun from the time of its founding in 1941. He became managing editor of the Sun-Times in 1949, executive editor in 1950, and was editor from 1959 until his retirement in 1965. He was formerly director of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

On March 11, 1968, he accepted the position of acting president of Shimer College, and was elected president in June.

Akers has received honorary degrees from nine other colleges, including a doctor of laws degree from Shimer.

CLASS NOTES

'68 JOHN ZIMMERMAN, BA, spent last summer with the Omo research expedition to Ethiopia, doing photography. Members of the expedition were looking for evidences of early man.

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